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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

### **Detroit Free Press: Man convicted in 2009 abduction, murder of Matt Landry to be resentenced**

"A mandatory life sentence has been overturned for one of two teens convicted of terrorizing Macomb County in 2009 in a three-day crime spree that included the slaying of a customer abducted from outside an Eastpointe sandwich shop. Ihab Maslamani, now, 21, is to be re-sentenced, according to a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling Tuesday. Macomb County prosecutors vowed to seek another life sentence."

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**Also see:**

### **The Detroit News: Eastpointe killer gets no-parole sentence overturned**

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### **Associated Press: New sentence for young man in abduction, murder**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit, WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit and WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit.

### **The Macomb Daily: Court overturns mandatory life-without-parole sentence for Maslamani**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.

### **MLive.com: Ihab Maslamani, convicted in 2009 Detroit-area crime spree, has life sentence overturned**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Kym Worthy: Felony cases could be dismissed next in budget cut fallout**

"The fallout over budget cuts to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office may get worse.... Since Monday, Wayne County prosecutors haven't been in some courtrooms in 36th District Court in Detroit, including criminal traffic and misdemeanor cases prompting judges to adjourn or dismiss cases. And today, they also didn't go to personal protection order cases in Wayne Circuit Court because of cuts to her staff, [Wayne County Prosecutor Kym] Worthy said."

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**Also see:**

### **The Detroit News: Worthy rips Ficano over layoffs: 'Every day is a game of triage'**

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### **Detroit Legal News: Court caught in middle of county budget battle**

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### **WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Budget flap forces Detroit judges to dismiss cases**

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### **WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Wayne County prosecutor speaks out about layoffs**

[Full story](#)

### **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy holds news conference on budget cuts, layoffs**

[Full story](#)

## **The Detroit News: Judge: Michigan making progress in overhauling foster care system**

"A federal judge congratulated the state Wednesday for making strides toward complying with a court mandate to overhaul its troubled foster care system, but a report from a watchdog group said more needs to be done to ensure children's safety."

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**Also see:**

## **Detroit Free Press: State making improvements, but too many children still abused, says group**

[Full story](#)

## **Associated Press: Report: Mich. child welfare improving, needs work**

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Legal News: Supreme Court Justice sees need for election reform**

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack of Ann Arbor says she has enjoyed her first two months on the bench and reports that her new colleagues have all been warm and helpful. But she admits to being humbled recently."

[Full story](#)

## **Lansing State Journal: Schuette: 'Simple logic' means right-to-work applies to state workforce**

"Michigan Republican Attorney General Bill Schuette is asking the state Court of Appeals to expedite a legal challenge over right-to-work and declare that the state's 35,000 unionized workers will be subject to the new laws that take effect next week. In a court response filed Tuesday, Schuette said it's 'simple logic' that the state's workforce would be governed under the labor policies, which prohibit requiring union dues as a condition of employment."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer.**

**Also see:**

## **MLive.com: Court filing: Attorney General Bill Schuette says right-to-work laws apply to state government workers**

[Full story](#)

## **MLive.com: Highers brothers feel 'blessed' after prison release; cloud of murder retrial looms**

"Seven months after their release from prison on a drizzling August evening, Thomas 'Tommy' and his brother Raymond Highers are enjoying freedom.... Wayne County Third Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Talon overturned the conviction based on new evidence revealed last year, but the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has vowed to pursue a retrial and appeal Talon's decision."

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## **Oakland County Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court enters electronic age**

"... Michigan's Supreme Court began its first steps into the electronic world in 1996 when Supreme Court oral arguments and other proceedings were broadcast via Michigan Government Television; MGTV ceased broadcasting in December 2012. Starting with oral arguments the first week of March, it is now possible to follow court hearings through live streaming via the Internet."

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## **Saginaw News: Woman of the Year and 'gospel lady' Vicki Hill of Saginaw says 'I like to help'**

"... The community service group, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, will honor [Vicki] Hill at a dinner-presentation at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Saginaw Valley State University's Curtiss Hall, 7400 Bay in Kochville Township. Speakers include Probate Judge Faye Harrison and former Saginaw city manager Deborah Kimble, and saxophonist Chet Allen will perform as well."

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## **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Ex-Meijer lawyer faces complaint**

"A former attorney for Meijer Corp. faces a formal complaint contending he lied under oath about the big box retailer's role in an Acme Township election and referendum. The Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission filed the complaint March 5 against Grand Rapids-based attorney Timothy Stoecker of the law firm Dickinson Wright."

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***Also see:***

**The MiLW Blog: AGC files complaint against ex-Meijer lawyer over Acme election, referendum**

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